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Coatzacoalcos, with a seaman sick with fever, and arrived at the United States quarantine station at Ship Island, having been remanded there from Mobile with 2 cases of fever of a suspicious character, explains the facts in the case. An investigation at Sabine Pass was made in the meantime by an officer of the Marine-Hospital Service and no suspicion of yellow fever was discovered at that port.

Referring to your favor of May 12, would say that the *Clara A. Phinney* left here with all on board in good health, as was indicated by the certificate of the city health officer, on April 18. The same health officer tells me that one of the sailors had calenturas or a malarial fever while in the harbor, but that it was distinctly not yellow fever. I have interviewed, privately, every physician in the city, and every one has told me that there is no yellow fever in Coatzacoalcos, nor has there been.

I shall, however, go on board whenever it is practicable, and render report of my personal observation, together with the report of the health officer, and inform your Department of any case of suspicious sickness that may be discovered.

Eleven cases of smallpox in Statesville, N. C.

In response to a request from the mayor of Statesville and the secretary of the State board of health of North Carolina for the services of an officer expert in the diagnosis of variola, Passed Assistant Surgeon C. P. Wertenbaker was ordered to proceed to that place and report on the situation.

The following telegram has been received from him:

STATESVILLE, N. C., June 11, 1898.

Arrived this morning; met health officer. Examined cases; found 11 cases variola. Will see suspicious case near Moresville with county health officer this afternoon.—WERTENBAKER.

One case of smallpox at Benwood, W. Va.

WHEELING, W. VA., June 11, 1898.

SIR: On June 4, a tramp arrived at Benwood, 4 miles below this city, ill with smallpox. He claims Piedmont as his home, and thinks he contracted the disease at Brunswick, near Washington. This man rode on the electric cars from Moundsville, 8 miles below Benwood, and a number of persons were exposed to him. Dr. J. N. Alley, health officer of Benwood, thinks that all exposed persons have been found and vaccinated. The patient was promptly isolated in a tent, and the doctor hopes that no other case will occur.

Very respectfully,

S. L. JEPSON, M. D.,
Health Officer.

Smallpox reported in Buncombe County, N. C.

RALEIGH, N. C., June 8, 1898.

DEAR SIR: You are hereby informed that 1 case of smallpox has been reported to this office as existing in Buncombe County. The origin of the disease is from Columbia, S. C. Precautions taken are quarantine and vaccination.

R. H. LEWIS,
Secretary State Board of Health.